Financial assistance to Sagardighi and Durgapur Power Projects

3096. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is extending any financial assistance to the new power projects, namely, Sagardighi Power Project and Durgapur Power Project in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that these projects are being awarded to a Chinese firm ignoring the claim of BHEL: and

(c) if so, what is the foreign exchange component involved in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No financial assistance is provided by Ministry of Power for setting up of new power projects.

(b) West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL), which is implementing Sagardighi Power Projects (2x300 MW) and Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL), which is implementing Durgapur Power Project (1x300 MW), have awarded the contracts for supply, erection of main plant & equipment on M/s Don Fang Electric Corporation, China through International Competitive Bidding (ICB). Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has also participated in the tender which could not complete in the international competitive bidding.

(c) In case of Sagardighi Power Project (2x300 MW) and Durgapur Power Projects (1x300 MW), the foreign component involved are US $ 238.3 Million and US $ 124.73 Million respectively.

Unbundling of SEBs

3097. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to extend the deadline by six months for unbundling of 11 State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;